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REPORT

OF

THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF CANAAN,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

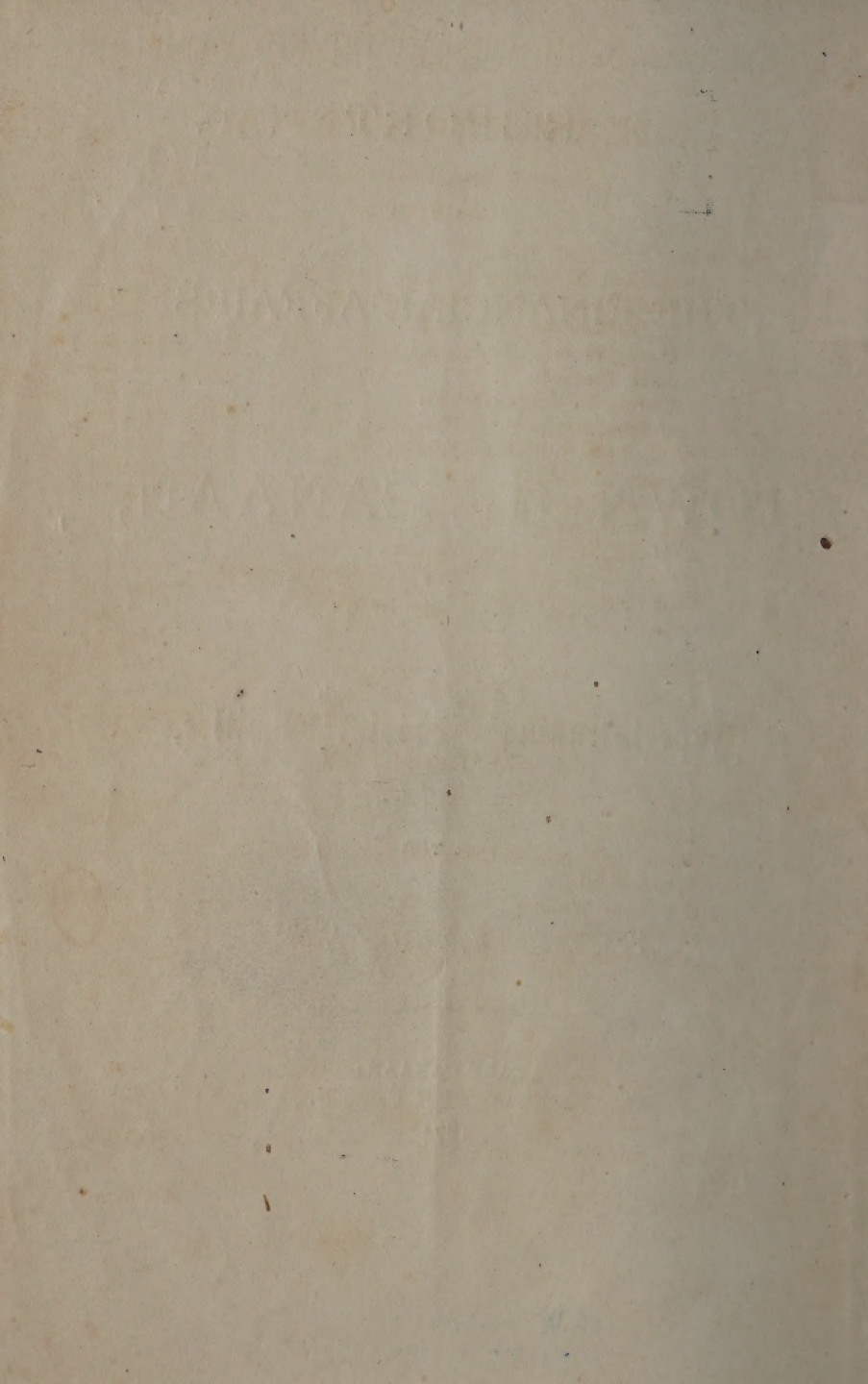
Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

Year ending February 24, 1874.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd from Treasurer 1872	\$380 00
Cash on C. N. Homan & Cha's. Day note	248 70
of Cha's. Day Lewis Colombe tax 1872	2 42
" C. D. Washburn tax 1872	4 79
" Hazen Wooster Liquor Agent	102 53
" J. H. Lathrop " "	54 35
" County for Support of Poor	496 00
Cash from sale of State Bonds	2500 00
for Coupons from State Bonds	666 00
Savings Bank tax	620 28
Literary Fund	265 68
Rail Road tax	955 18
of H. R. Norris Liquor Agent	286 68
" State Treasurer for Rejected Soldiers Bounties	76 80
Cash hired on Notes	11488 10
of Collector 1870	8 38
" " 1871 & 1872	1390 64
" " 1873	10757 00
Total	\$30303 53

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax	\$2448 00
County tax	1660 56
Repairing School Houses in Dis. No. 12, 13, 21	77 73
School Money	1645 79
Roads and Bridges	750 75
Breaking Roads	504 19
Abatements taxes 1870	2 88
" " 1871	22 59
" " 1872	54 19
" " 1873	71 35
Miscellaneous expenses	476 66
Services town Officers	514 88
Notes and Receipts	18770 02
Support of Poor,	1240 30
In Treasurers hands	2063 64
	\$30303 53

SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNT.

Amt. due each Dis.	Prudential Committee.	Amt. Paid.
1 \$164 48	J. D. Weeks	\$164 48
2 167 78	Dexter Richardson	167 78
3 39 01	Hiram Church	30 00
4 43 96	Henry G. Elliot	40 50
5 71 24	J. G. Hutchins	58 20
6 38 25	John Wilson	38 25
7 310 45	F. S. Parker	306 50
8 80 08	William Hall	80 08
9 48 07	A. J. Walker	44 00
10 65 61	Chas. H. Emerson	61 38
11 142 48	C. W. Dwinels	142 48
12 53 93	Philip G. Prescott	40 00
13 42 64	Geo. P. Clark	41 00
14 96 05	Daniel Goss	96 05
15 31 14		
16 32 75	J. J. Pollard	27 00
17 69 67	H. B. Whitney	62 08
18 83 26	Moses C. Tucker	79 56
19 51 33	G. W. Hazelton	51 33
20 54 50	N. B. Gates	54 50
21 55 32	Orville Goss	49 00
1 Enfield 10 37	Sam'l. Williams, Enfield	10 37
1 Orange 1 25	J. C. Chapman	1 25
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		\$1645 79

REPAIRING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Er. Collins,	Work on Road,	\$14 40
John H. Swett,	" "	11 91
Anthony Colombe,	" " Bridge	3 50
C. P. Hatch	" " "	4 50
Er. Collins	" " Road	3 75
C. P. Hinkson	" " "	23 00
J. Fifield	" " "	10 50
J. J. Pollard	" " "	39 25
Taylor & Blood,	Lumber	105 56
S. Wolfson,	Work on Road	3 00
Elihue Derby,	" " "	3 00
Guy E. Atwell	" " "	1 50

E. O. Williams,	Plank	2 14
J. G. Hutchins	Work on Road,	9 00
Dow & Story	Plank and Lumber,	73 81
S. W. Whittier,	Work on Road,	4 87
Enoch Call,	" " "	8 25
Orrin M. Currier,	Plank,	3 20
J. F. Day,	Work on Road,	2 89
J. H. Lathrop,	" " "	38 09
Chas. E. Noyes,	" " "	1 37
S. Gorham,	" " "	75
Daniel Goss,	" " "	26 50
Wm. Burnham,	" " "	6 72
Hiram Jones,	" " "	3 75
John Currier,	Plank,	13 34
Horace Kinne,	Work on Road,	3 50
C. C. Clark,	" " "	3 00
B. M. Howard,	Plank,	3 68
John Jones,	Work on Road,	1 50
E. G. Mudgett,	" " "	5 32
S. H. Dow,	Lumber,	4 83
T. S. Lathrop,	Work on Road,	11 90
L. F. Webster,	Repairing Bridge,	1 00
Pattee & Perley,	Lumber,	29 49
J. F. Clough,	Work on Road,	3 00
S. H. Dow,	Lumber,	34 50
S. H. Dow,	"	7 25
Frank Whittier,	Work on Road,	1 37
Stephen Morse,	" " "	8 25
Enoch Call,	" " "	18 50
B. M. Howard,	" " "	4 92
Joseph Rameor,	" " Bridge,	50
Lewis Defosses,	" " Road,	2 00
Stephen Peaslee,	Work and Lumber,	172 09
Sanborn & Barney,	Plank,	15 60
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		\$750 75

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Hiram Jones,	\$5 25	E. F. Currier,	15 00
Hiram Church,	8 23	Philip G. Prescott,	6 50
Moses Tucker,	5 00	Er Collins,	10 20
L. F. Webster,	60	W. J. Martin,	4 68

Elihu Derby,	2 25	Walter H. Swett,	3 44
Frank Hills,	2 62	J. H. Swett,	8 56
A. J. Walker,	2 30	J. R. Tucker,	3 75
Enoch Whittier,	3 87	H. G. Elliot,	2 81
J. C. Lary,	8 91	Jacob S. Clark,	3 30
Alvah Dodge,	1 87	Chas. Decatur,	9 00
B. P. Lary,	15 75	Ira Woodbury,	2 25
Hiram Wescott,	12 00	Peter Bill,	6 00
Hiram Philbrick,	1 56	Horace Kimball,	4 25
Leonard Clark,	4 18	T Drugg,	50
J. Fifield,	4 56	M. Brocklebank and	
Geo W. Hadley,	3 87	others,	35 92
Azro B. Hadley,	8 87	Parkhurst Kimball,	10 00
I. J. Wescott,	4 36	Caleb Jones & others,	23 11
Thomas Decatur,	1 50	Thos. Hoit,	5 75
T. J. Hardy,	8 24	Stephen Morse,	7 93
Hiram Morey,	5 00	E. E. Shattuck,	5 00
Edward Currier,	7 50	A. E. Alford,	6 38
C W Dwinels & others	14 00	J. F. Clough,	1 56
J. G. Hutchins,	1 56	Charles Lasua,	3 65
B B Whitney & others	14 25	Mrs. E. Page,	50
S. W. Whittier,	21 25	David Hoyt,	1 50
R. B. Eastman,	2 55	James Kimball,	3 75
L. B. Warren,	5 25	J. H. Lathrop,	3 60
A. Stevens,	5 12	J. B. Loverin,	6 37
E. Shepard,	8 25	Placid Adams,	10 75
L. N. Bradbury,	11 26	J. W. Bean,	5 00
A. L. Noyes,	2 00	S. Gorham & others,	14 27
L. J. Meoney,	3 24	D. Clark,	1 25
David Towle	7 25	J. Rameor	2 00
J. Currier,	27 70	Peter Rainey,	17 12
Joel Babb,	2 16	Chas. & J. Mc Connell	8 55
Caleb Hutchins,	1 38	D. H. Campbell,	6 36
Guilford Doten,	3 00		
S. Wolfson,	5 12		
			<hr/> 504 19

ABATEMENTS OF TAXES, 1870.

Joseph Rameor,	1 25
Heirs of Washington Wilson,	1 63
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ABATEMENTS FOR 1871.

J. W. Atherton,	2 78	E. W. Johnson,	5 59
Levi Merrill,	3 04	Jones Lot, S. Morse	
F. Alden,	2 78	Agent,	1 84
Ledus Hebert,	2 78		
John Verit,	3 78		<hr/> 22 59

ABATEMENTS FOR 1872.

Peter Bushway,	3 46	Jas. O. Collins,	1 92
Victor Denosh,	1 92	A. F. Kimball,	1 92
Millard Bickford,	1 92	Geo. W. Mowry,	1 92
Frank C. Davis,	1 92	Levi Merrill,	1 92
Fred Flanders,	2 72	Eliphalet Page,	4 29
Moses Sanborn,	58	James Pixley,	2 34
Susan Sanborn	1 84	Ara Willis,	1 92
Eliza Stevens,	1 92	Lewis Bushway,	1 92
Lewis Darwin,	1 92	Joseph Rameor,	7 24
John Willie,	1 92	Eli Stergeon,	1 92
Fick Stone,	1 92		
Achen Willie,	1 92		<hr/> \$54 19
Frank Pelky,	1 00		

ABATEMENTS FOR 1873.

Levi Merrill,	2 13	Robert Dwyer,	12 75
Ledus Hebert,	2 13	Benjamin Warren,	2 13
Joseph Rameor,	3 41	Peter Biathrow,	2 68
Jerome Jameson,	2 13	Wyman Stevens,	1 00
Joseph Morse,	2 13	Geo. H. Smith,	2 13
L. K. Currier,	2 13	Moses Hoit, jr.,	2 13
A. F. Kimball,	3 13	D. Pelky,	2 13
F. P. Rand,	2 13	Harry Burleigh,	7 88
Moses Hoyt,	2 13	G. W. Clark, Non Res-	
Horace A. Johnson,	68	ident Highway tax,	1 50
——— Trudell,	2 13	Clark Clough, overtax,	4 25
Alonzo Stevens, over-		David Hoit, " "	4 05
tax,	63	Rufus Richardson,	85
Joseph Hebert Jr.	2 13		
M. L. Sanborn,	2 13		<hr/> \$71 35
Millard Bickford,	2 13		

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid John Wilson, Damage to Sheep by Dogs,	\$5 00
G. L. Whittier, " "	3 00
L. F. Webster, " "	5 00
Enoch Whittier, " "	2 00
Clough & Shattuck, Committee Repr. School House Dis.	
No. 13,	17 73
A. Shepard " " " No. 12,	20 00
S. Peaslee, " " " No. 21,	40 00
L. Champion, Damage to wagon,	3 25
L. W. Smith summoning witnesses in Page case,	7 49
J. M. Barber, Repr. Bell & Frame, Town House	1 50
D. L. Guernsey, Stationery,	4 48
Scott Shepard, Page case,	5 00
C. O. Barney, Printing,	35 00
Dr. Wheat, Returning Births & Deaths,	9 00
" Morgan, " " "	2 00
M. A. Borton, Serving notice on Springfield,	2 00
Adolphus Decatur, Damage to Horse,	10 00
L. B. Warren, " Wagon,	4 25
B. P. George, Care Town & Hearse House,	10 00
G. W. Murray, Services in Page, Jenness & George case,	80 14
Thos. Whittiker, Non Resident highway tax,	2 00
Augustus Shepard, Watering trough,	1 00
Morrill & Tirrell, Non Resident highway tax,	1 00
H. H. Wilson, Cash paid out,	15 00
" " Expense to Haverhill getting County claims,	5 00
Wm. A. Wallace, Auditor 1872,	2 25
Dr Morgan, Witness in George case,	2 25
J. D. Weeks, Services in George case,	52 00
H. Wooster, Liquor agt.,	78 32
C. Kingsbury, Damage to wagon & person,	50 00
Moses Marshall, Water trough,	1 00
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	\$476 66

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Chas. Barney, Services Town Clerk,	15 00
H. H. Wilson, Treasurer,	25 00
" " Selectman,	125 00

E. F. Withington, Selectman,	70 00
D. H. Campbell, "	65 00
Augustus Shepard, School Committee,	55 00
Guilford Doten, Collector,	153 88
Augustus Shepard, Auditor,	3 00
S. R. Swett, "	3 00
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	514 88

PAID IN FULL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON NOTES.

Paid H. H. Wilson,	\$380 69	Maria French,	53 92
Hannah E. Clough,	134 65	Aaron Currier,	283 92
Nellie M. Doten,	27 50	Horace Chase,	359 57
Ira Bucklin,	230 63	Sylvester Flanders,	353 76
Jas. Doten,	93 02	H. H. Hanchett,	1655 20
Mary A. Roby,	193 56	Olive B. Morgan,	106 00
Samuel H. Stevens	950 55	Miriam J. Jones,	531 28
Frank E. Milton,	270 30	E. O. Lowell,	112 30
Drew Hadley,	181 10	Polly W. Campbell,	140 09
Rebecca Doten,	212 78	Mary D. Morey,	105 73
Geo. W. Hadley,	543 90	Carrie M. George,	124 02
E. C. Flanders,	127 66	Tracy H. Jones,	212 76
Mary Hutchinson,	3272 42	B. N. Pollard,	528 55
Abigail A. Hoit,	554 26	Benjamin F. Gould,	374 92
Joseph Heaton,	366 95	Mabel Doten,	26 90
Mary A. Kelley,	1011 00	F. Babbitt,	443 22
Ezekiel Wells,	215 63	David Kimball,	538 61
David Bucklin,	864 34	Lois Dole,	1037 76
James Currier,	246 05		<hr/>
Emily D. Talbott,	51 97		16,843 61
Moses E. Currier,	193 87		

AMT. ENDORSED ON NOTES AND RECEIPTS FOR
SAME.

Paid Chas Davis receipt,	\$65 00	G. W. Hadley,	43 90
H. H. Hanchett, "	97 40	Sally C. Clough,	200 00
Thos. Webster,	74 16	Chas. Kendall,	100 00
Delia Shepard,	6 00	Geo W. Hadley,	135 00
Jas. Doten,	175 00	John Page,	200 00
J. H. Stevens,	300 00	Samuel H. Stevens,	300 00
Elihu Derby,	35 75	John M. Barber,	8 00
Horace Chase,	125 00		<hr/>
M. A. Kelley,	61 20		1926 41

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid for support of Town Poor, old bills 1872.	
Paid Dr. Wheat for Jones boy,	\$19 00
Willard Richardson for J. B. Richardson,	12 50
Total,	<hr/> \$31 50

Bills for 1873 Town Poor,	
Paid Frank Currier for Mary Richardson,	\$2 65
F. T. Bartlett " "	81 58
Leonard Heath for Chas. T. Jones,	23 00
Sophia Boyd " "	9 00
Caleb Jones " "	35 00
Sanborn & Barney " "	3 25
B. N. Pollard for support of Sarah Pollard,	75 00
Myra Bartlett " Mary Richardson,	2 25
Alfred Richardson " Lucy Dow,	92 00
Guilford Doton " Jane Hadley,	79 05
Dr. Morgan " "	1 50
Total,	<hr/> \$404 28

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF COUNTY POOR.

Old bills 1872.	
Paid Dr. Wheat for doctoring County Poor,	114 50
Dr. Morgan " "	36 75
Dr. Rogers " "	11 00
Myra Bartlett work at James Trowbridge's,	6 00
Sanborn & Barney for support Mrs. Allard,	1 33
Abigail Whitney " Susan Sanborn,	20 00
Wm. R. Brownell " Jane Daniels,	20 00
Total,	<hr/> \$209 58

Paid for support of County Poor 1873	
Paid Reform School for support W. A. Stevens,	\$178 00
Dr. Wheat for doctoring Joseph Morse,	26 55
" " Mrs. Watterman,	1 30
" " Frank T. Brown,	5 50
" " Georgia Washburn,	12 75
" " Mrs. Levi Merrill,	32 75

Dr. Morgan for doctoring Jane Daniels,	50
“ “ Mary A. Lowe,	2 00
“ “ Joel Brown,	3 00
“ “ A. F. Kimball,	14 75
Dr. Tucker “ Nancy J Johnson,	28 70
H. H. Wilson for support “ “	11 25
“ “ James Kimball,	4 92
“ “ Joseph Rameor,	13 00
Guilford Doton “ “	5 00
Mrs. Robins for doctoring Mrs. Levi Merrill,	6 00
James H. Kelley for support “ “	13 46
Clara Colombe “ “	3 00
James H. Kelley “ Richard Hutchins family,	1 80
Er Collins “ Richard Hutchins,	11 75
Azro B Hadley “ Abigail Briggs,	22 00
J. T. Milton for Transient Poor,	75
Sanborn & Barney for support A. J. Abbott family,	2 92
B. B. Whitney “ Mary A. Lowe,	20 15
Willard L. Dunham “ Anna Fox,	52 00
James H. Kelley “ James Trowbridge,	52 00
Susan Clark “ Mrs. Watterman,	10 00
Hoit & Nichols “ “	56 24
E F. Withington “ James Kimball,	5 00
Mrs. William Colombe for support Mrs. Levi Merrill,	8 00
Total,	594 94

LIQUOR AGENTS' REPORT

John H. Lathrop Reports as Liquor Agt. from Feb. 19th 1873,
to March 17th 1873.

Amt. of Liquors & Fixtures on hand Feb. 19th 1873,	\$206 74
Amount bought,	9
Salary,	9 82
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	\$216 56
Amt. of Liquors & Fixtures on hand Mar. 17th 1873,	137 59
Amount sold,	64 17
Net loss on sales.	14 81
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	\$216 56

Amt. of Liquors & Fixtures on-hand Feb. 19th 1873,	206 74
Net loss to town,	14 80

\$191 94

Amt. Liquors & Fixtures on hand Mar. 17th 1873,	137 59
Cash paid Selectmen,	\$54 35

Hazen Wooster Reports as Liquor Agt. from Feb. 18th 1873, to March 22d 1873.

Amt of Liquors & Fixtures on hand Feb. 18th 1873,	\$273 81
Amount bought,	28 67
Salary,	6 25
Net Profit on sales	20 56

\$329 29

Amt. Liquors & Fixtures on hand Mar. 22d 1873,	191 84
Amount sold,	137 45

Total, \$329 29

Amt. Liquors & Fixtures on hand Feb. 18th 1873,	273 81
Net profit on sales,	20 56

\$294 37

Liquors & Fixtures on hand March 22d 1873,	191 84
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Cash paid Selectmen,	\$102 53
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Horace R. Norris Reports as Liquor Agt. from March 17th 1873, to Feb. 17th 1874

Liquors & Fixtures on hand Mar. 17th 1873,	\$322 23
Amt. Liquors & Fixtures bought,	1204 00
Salary,	115 00
Net profit on sales,	242 43

\$1883 66

Liquors & Fixtures on hand Feb. 17th 1874,	277 98
Liquors & Fixtures sold,	1605 68

Total, \$1883 66

Liquors & Fixtures on hand Mar. 17th 1873,	322 23
Net profit on sales,	242 43
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	\$564 66
Liquors & Fixtures on hand Feb. 17th 1874,	277 98
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Cash paid selectmen	\$286 68

TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN FEB. 20, 1873.

Principal,	\$63944 69
One year's interest,	3836 68
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Principal and interest,	\$67781 37
Amt. of notes paid in full,	16843 61
Amt. endorsed on notes,	1926 41
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Total amount paid,	\$18770 02
Amount of notes given the past year,	11488 10
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More paid than hired,	\$7281 92
Leaving a total indebtedness Feb. 24, 1874,	60499 45

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Due on Stephen Peaslee's note,	\$115 07
in Treasurer's hands 1873,	2063 64
Collector's hands 1870,	15 72
“ “ 1871 & 1872	166 89
“ “ 1873,	1489 80
in State bonds,	10100 00
from Springfield for Willie A. Stevens,	178 00
from County for support of Poor,	523 84
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Total availabilities,	\$14652 96
Debt above availabilities,	45846 49
“ “ last year	48523 30
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Reduction of the debt of the town,	\$2676 81
Amt. dog tax due the several school districts for schooling	\$65 67

Since the town accounts have been audited the George case has been settled. The terms of settlement are: Whitney & Robbins agree to pay the town \$1300,00 with interest in one year from date of settlement with good satisfactory security, and the town pay to Mrs. George \$1480,00. Both parties pay their own cost.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. H. WILSON, Treasurer

We, the undersigned, have attended to the duty assigned us and report that we have carefully examined the books of the Treasurer of the town of Canaan for the year ending March 1st, 1874, and find their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

AUGUSTUS SHEPARD, } AUDITORS.
S. R. SWETT.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS,

DISTRICT NO. 1

J. D. WEEKS, Prudential Committee. Teacher first term, Miss Jessie M. Hosley, was dignified and sensible in her intercourse with pupils and parents. Miss H. is quite a thorough scholar, and upon any first visit the appearance of both teacher and pupils was favorable, but upon a second visit I came to the conclusion that the teacher did not take sufficient interest in the school, and that there was a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the scholars, and one young lady exceeded her position. I am of the opinion that Miss H. is not adapted to the business of school teaching, and that the district did not receive an equivalent for the money expended.

Teacher Second term, Miss Etta B. Thompson. Miss T. is the clearest mathematician upon the list of teachers, and her system of teaching in most respects is worthy of imitation. Miss T. gives double the amount of instruction usually given by teachers in reading, and she will perform rightly more work in the school room than any teacher employed during the year. In most cases the teacher was faithful in the drill and review. I think that two advanced scholars would have been benefitted by a review, and I think that ruler came too near that little boy's eye, and that the act was hazardous, and why was not writing taken up? Your money was well expended for the second term. Not absent one half day: Willie Hatch, Fred Richardson, Eugene Seavey, Henry Seavey, Burns Wallace.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Dexter Richardson, Prudential Committee. Miss Alice M. Flanders, teacher first term, Miss F. was faithful upon important points, and is thorough and well posted. The teacher was obliged to spend too much time in maintaining order which was the fault of one or two pupils. I think that Miss F. would keep a fine school in No 14.

Second term, Miss Hattie Huntington, and Mr. E. S. Ball, teachers. Miss. H. did her best to maintain order, but became discouraged, and some of the pupils were overbearing, and the school broke down after a few weeks owing to the indiscretion of the teacher and some of the parents of the district. I was disappointed in Miss H's

ability to teach a village school. The school was continued by E. S. Ball, a teacher of first class ability, who won the respect of every parent and pupil in the district, and he has the best wishes of your committee. Great progress was made in reading. With three or four exceptions this is the most backward school in town. You need a first class teacher and more interest in your school on the part of parents, who would do well to keep their boys out of that store evenings.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

HIRAM CHURCH, Prudential Committee. Miss Ella S. Dodge, teacher. Some were dissatisfied and some approved of Miss D's course. I think the facts are that Miss D. lacks experience, and, perhaps judgment, but I think her motives were misunderstood and I think her intentions were good.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

HENRY G. ELLIOT, Prudential Committee. Teacher, Miss Luella A. Campbell. Miss C. gave good satisfaction and the school room appeared neat and the pupils appeared well. A small and not advanced school, and good school house.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOSIAH HUTCHINS, Prudential Committee. Teacher first term, Miss Ella S. Dodge. This is a large school but not advanced, and the teacher should take especial pains in reading, spelling and penmanship. I think that Miss D. did as well as we could expect an inexperienced teacher to do.

Second term, teacher, Miss Georgia A. Leavitt. This school closed sooner than I expected, and I was two days too late, therefore I am somewhat in the dark. Miss Leavitt passed an average examination and her register was neatly kept and exhibited some fine penmanship. This district needs a teacher especially adapted to the wants of the pupils and certainly a teacher of great energy.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

J. B. WILSON, Prudential Committee. Miss A. I. Wilson, teacher. I found Miss W. doing a good business in the educational line, and the pupils here seemed to be in earnest to improve every hour of the school. Miss W. has improved by experience, passes a good examination in reading and spelling but not quite as good in mathematics. I think the school was a profitable one.